Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have sent them an estimate and plan. They have not yet sent us a reply.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—When was the communication addressed to the Travancore Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have been addressing them for some years. The last communication was sent about a month ago.

Grant of Agricultural loans.

355. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the amount of agricultural loans granted after Makaram 1108 ;

(2) if the amount is comparatively small, is it due to the paucity of applications or the rigorous enforcement of the conditions under which the loans are granted ;

(3) is it not a fact that agriculturists are in dire need of funds to carry on agricultural operations on account of the decrease in price of agricultural products ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Rs. 16,050.

(2) The amount is not small.

(3) Yes, to a certain extent.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know the total amount granted for the year 1108 ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—19 thousand and odd rupees.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is there any particular amount set apart for this purpose?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes ; 20 thousand rupees.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—What was the total amount applied for ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any balance ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is a small balance of Rs. 500.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(3) Do the Government intend doing anything to relieve the agriculturists in their distress ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government are doing all that is possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In this particular case, do they intend to do anything ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Loans are granted according to necessities.

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